that they have not got any recognized certificates, but that does not mean that they are not eye-specialists.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): In a delicate matter like the treatment for eyes, does not the hon'ble Minister think that we should not allow people to treat without even knowing the standard of their capacity for such treatment?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is some difficulty with regard to this. Under Ayurveda, in all these branches of treatment, we have not got recognized diplomas or certificates. The hon'ble member may perhaps know that it was very recently that L. I. M. was established in Madras.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Is there any diploma for the treatment of eyes?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I am not aware of any.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Whether the establishment mentioned in (*a*) and (*b*) includes honorary-practitioners also?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. All the honorary people are separately mentioned there. They are all included in the list.

EXAMINATION IN AYURVEDA—RECOGNITION OF.

149. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have recognised the certificate of proficiency from the Kerala Ayurveda Samajam, Cheruthuruthy for purposes of appointments as vaidyans in the Panchayat and Ayurveda departments;

(*b*) what other examinations or certificates of proficiency have been recognised by them (the Government) for the same purpose?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (*i*) Vaidyakalanidhi examination conducted by the Travancore Government.

(*ii*) The Ayurveda Bhushana examination conducted by the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura.

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Candidates who have passed other equivalent examinations such as Arya Vaidia examination of the Kottakkal Arya Vaidiasala, the Vaidia Siromani examination and the L. I. M. diploma of the Madras University are also being appointed in the Ayurvedic Hospital.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Does the Kerala Ayurvedic Samajam conduct a school there?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): They have not got a regular school, as far as I know. But they conduct examinations and grant certificates.

MOSQUITOES—DESTRUCTION SCHEME.

150. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Will the Government state whether they have formulated any scheme for the destruction of mosquitoes in the coastal regions of the State?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is no definite scheme formulated at present. The Government will consider about the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Will not our Epidemic Health Officer give some help to the Government in this line?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): He will be of some help. I think the hon'ble m mber remembers what I explained in connection with the cut motion raised with regard to these mosquitoes. There is going to be some investigation. The Director of Public Health in Madras is visiting our State in the middle of August. A communication has been received from the Resident. They want to conduct some special survey of mosquitoes, a special variety of mosquitoes which cause yellow-fever. In connection with that the Government of India have ordered some investigations and there is some correspondence between the Government of India and the Cochin Government. I explained all these in connection with the cut motion.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Are the Government aware that the Rockefeller Institute is giving some help as regards this?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Government are aware.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Is any requisition made by this Government?

Mr. President: The Rockefeller Institute is prepared to help any one provided we meet finances. The financial burden will have to be borne by us.

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